

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 9. Claim 25 is amended into independent form and to include the limitations of claim 29. New claims 57-80 are added, including new independent claims 60, 74, and 79.

An information disclosure statement citing nine references is attached.

Four of the references cited in an information disclosure statement filed with this request for continued examination were cited in an office action in a continuation-in-part of the present application: Okazaki et al., U.S. Patent 6,495,862, Fairbanks et al., U.S. Patent 6,091,020, Bojarczuk Jr. et al., U.S. Patent 5,898,185, and Ming-Jiunn et al., U.S. Patent 5,917,201. Okazaki et al. was used to reject the claims in the continuation-in-part applications. The other references were not relied upon.

Okazaki et al. teach a device with a "transparent light lead-out layer 20" as shown in Fig. 9. Column 10, line 11 to column 11, line 21 describes this embodiment. Okazaki et al.'s Fig. 10 teaches a device with a "light lead-out layer 22" formed "on the backside of sapphire substrate 1." See, for example, column 11, lines 24-54.

U.S. Patent 6,483,196 to Wojnarowski et al. teaches at column 1, lines 56-59 "[o]ne or more layers of a lensing material is deposited on a bottom surface of the device substrate. The lensing material is comprised of a polymer, an index matching material, or a mixture thereof." Table 1 at column 5, lines 17-39 lists several examples of suitable polymer materials.

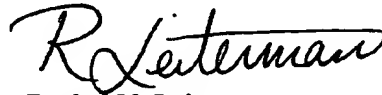
The attached information disclosure statement also cites three articles directed to glass structures and a machine translation of JP 09-153645. These references have not been reviewed in detail.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480.

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